

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 048859
ORIGIN HA-05

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-13 INSE-00 VO-05 CIAE-00 INR-10
NSAE-00 AID-05 EA-10 /049 R

DRAFTED BY HA/ORM:JBROH-KAHN/TGCOLE:MM
APPROVED BY HA/ORM:SCLOWMAN
HA/ORM:HBCUSHING
EA:ROAKLEY
EA/RA:FBENNETT (PHONE)

-----029435 250009Z /14

P R 242230Z FEB 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY
INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
USMISSION GENEVA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 048859

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF, TH

SUBJECT: SPEED-UP OF REFUGEE FLOW

REF: A. STATE 029956 B. BANGKOK 3192 C. STATE 021820
D. STATE 38343

1. REFTEL A PROMISED FURTHER THOUGHTS ON SPEEDING UP REFUGEE FLOW. WE ARE PRESSING ACVA TO CLEAR UP REMAINING SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS OUTSTANDING OVER TWO MONTHS UNDER IPP-77 BOAT CASE PROGRAM. WE HAVE URGED VOLAGS TO TRANSFER SUCH CASES TO OTHER AGENCIES. SOME OF THESE TRANSFERS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE AND WE ARE PUSHING FOR MORE. WE INFORMED POST IN REF D OF TRANSFERS AND OTHER ACTIONS ON OVERDUE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 048859

CASES.

2. DEPT UNDERSTANDS THAT RECENTLY-INSTITUTED VOLAG PRACTICE OF PROVIDING TELEGRAPHIC NOTIFICATION THAT SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATIONS EN ROUTE HAS RESULTED IN EARLIER CALL-FORWARD OF REFUGEES FOR MEDICAL AND OTHER PROCESSING, WHICH PRACTICE SHORT CUTS THE INEVITABLE DELAYS OF MAIL TRANSIT. EMBASSY

REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH NOTIFICATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE AND ARE HAVING INTENDED EFFECT.

3. ALSO CABLE AUTHORIZING USE OF STATE COMMO FOR VOLAG MES-
SAGES FROM FIELD WILL BE SENT SHORTLY.

4. REFTTEL B NOTES THAT SOME UNSPONSORED REFUGEES REMAIN
IN DIN DAENG TRANSIT CENTER.

DEPARTMENT HAD NOT BEEN AWARE THAT EMBASSY WAS MOVING UN-
SPONSORED REFUGEES INTO THE TRANSIT CENTER. EMBASSY SHOULD
PROVIDE LIST OF PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS OF UNSPONSORED CASES
(INCLUDING A NO., VOLAG NO., AND OTHER DATA REQUESTED REF
C) SO THAT DEPARTMENT CAN CHECK STATUS OF CASES IMMEDIATELY
WITH ACVA. DEPT WILL THEN INFORM POST OF ANY CASES WHICH
VOLAG BELIEVE WILL TAKE MORE THAN 2-3 WEEKS AND POST MAY
THEN MOVE THEM OUT OF TRANSIT CENTER TO A LOCAL HOTEL SO AS
TO AVOID CLOGGING TRANSIT CENTER ANY LONGER. WHILE WE DO
NOT WISH TO SET PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE WE BELIEVE USE OF HO-
TEL IN THIS SITUATION IS WARRANTED IF EMBASSY BELIEVES
HELPFUL. WE ASSUME THAT EMBASSY DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE USING
TRANSIT CENTER FOR UNSPONSORED REFUGEES IN THE FUTURE.

5. AS THE US PROGRAM ALONE WILL BE MOVING AT LEAST 10,000
REFUGEES OUT OF THAILAND OVER THE NEXT MONTHS AND THE FRENCH
PROGRAM CONTINUES, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO EXPLORE WITH UNHCR
AND RTG THE UTILITY OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL TRANSIT CENTER
CAPACITY.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 048859

6. EMBASSY MAY BE ASSURED THAT BOTH DEPT AND ACVA AWARE OF
AND SENSITIVE TO DESIRABILITY OF EARLY DEPARTURES FOR AP-
PROVED REFUGEES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PROGRAM
VERY CLOSELY IN FUTURE, AND HOPE THAT WITH SYSTEM OF INTER-
AGENCY TRANSFERS NOW IN OPERATION, WE WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID
UNDUE DELAYS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO EMBASSY REACTION.

7. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EXCELLENT AND TIMELY REPORTING
EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED ON THAI REFUGEE POLICY. WE AND OTHFR
WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE FULLY AWARE OF AND APPLAUD THE
DEDICATION AND EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK ON PART OF THE EMBASSY
REFUGEE OPERATION, INCLUDING THE JVR. WE HOPE THAT YOUR
DIALOGUE WITH RTG, AND OURS WITH CONGRESS, WILL MOVE US TOWARD
A LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO THE REFUGEE PROBLEM WHILE INCREASING
SHORT-TERM EFFICIENCY IN HANDLING INDIVIDUAL CASES. VANCE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 feb 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE048859
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: KAHN/TGCOLE:MM
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780086-1072
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780214/aaaaaloo.tel
Line Count: 110
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: d5afb5cf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN HA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 29956, 78 STATE 38343
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3480250
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SPEED-UP OF REFUGEE FLOW
TAGS: SREF, TH
To: BANGKOK
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/d5afb5cf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014